State	1997	1998	1999	2000-2001	(Jan-Sept)
Tamil Nadu			5611	11892	14987
Uttar Pradesh			6462	12869	11809
West Bengal			15676	24229	21403
TOTAL:			112053	198139	177559

For the year 2001, treatment outcome is due only up to September 2001

News-item "Blood Stocks Fall after Change in Doctors' Duty Hours"

1282. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Blood stocks fall after change in doctors' duty hours", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 3rd November, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem raised in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The IRCS Blood Bank, Delhi operates without a Medical Officer during the night shift, as a cost cutting measure, due to which the Blood Bank can not collect blood during the night. This was done as they have noticed over a period of time that very few clients or donors, come to their blood bank during the night. This has not resulted in either a fall in their blood stocks or is it affecting the issue of blood to Thalassemia patients. However, we will once again examine this matter for remedial action.

Cost-effective Healthcare to General Public

1283. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote limited number of essential drugs in order to provide cost effective healthcare to general public;